

REMARKS

In formal compliance with the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of new claim 18, whichever group it may fall into. In case, that the Examiner is not willing to examine the entirety of new claim 18, then Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to discuss a further election.

New main claim 18 is added in the hopes of avoiding the need to file one or more divisional applications in order to cover the entire subject matter of the original claims. Should such divisional application(s) be necessary, however, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file same. New claim 18 tracks previous claim 9 and provides the optional step b) of coating the colloidal iridium oxide onto a surface.

The other claims have been amended to make editorial changes and for purposes of providing consistency to new main claim 18.

Applicants do not believe that any of the amendments introduce new matter. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Regarding the traversal, Applicants believe that all of the claims, now being drawn to the process of claim 18, are linked to form a single general inventive concept. As such, Applicants also believe that the claims are characterized by unity of invention and the Examiner's reasons for insisting upon restriction are now moot.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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